

# Across the Downs

Church News Sheet for the Downs Parishes of  
Chilbolton, Crawley, Littleton, Sparsholt and Wherwell  
Rector: Revd Kevin Rogers 01962 880845

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026**



## Services for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March

### *Palm Sunday*

***Don't forget the clocks go forward this weekend!***

11.00 am (Li) Benefice Family Communion,  
followed by 'Bring and Share' lunch  
in the Church Room



## Services for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April

### *Easter Day*

10.00 am (Ch) Easter Sunday Holy Communion  
10.00 am (Cr) Easter Sunday Family Service  
10.00 am (Li) Easter Sunday Family Communion  
10.00 am (Sp) Easter Sunday Holy Communion  
10.00 am (Wh) Easter Sunday Holy Communion



### **Prayer for the Week – Palm Sunday**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Readings:** Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Philippians 2: 5-11

Matthew 26:14 - [27:end](#)

Psalm 31: 9-16

# DIARY

## Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March

- 10.00–11.30am (Li) No St Catherine's Toddler Group. – Easter holidays.  
Restart Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April
- 7.30 pm (Li) Littleton PCC meeting

## Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

- 7.30 pm (Li) Littleton Lenten House Group, 2 Valley Road. *Contact Carol Coleman, 01962 881886*

## Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Maundy Thursday

- 4.15 pm (Li) Prayers for those on the Benefice Prayer List, in the Church Room.
- 6.00 pm (Sp) Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
- 6.30 pm (Ch) Maundy Thursday Holy Communion and Supper (*places limited so please contact Lesley Kent on 01264 860584 if you wish to attend*)

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Good Friday

- 12 noon (Li) Good Friday Meditation
- 3.00 pm (Ch) Good Friday Meditation

## Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April

### Maundy Thursday Holy Communion with Supper

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 6:30pm at Dancing Ledge, Wherwell,  
**Booking essential!**



*Please phone Lesley on 860584 by this Sunday.*

## Easter in The Downs Benefice



### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Palm Sunday**

*Littleton* – **11am** – Palm Sunday Benefice Holy Communion,  
followed by 'Bring & Share' lunch

### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Maundy Thursday**

*Chilbolton & Wherwell* – *Holy Communion and Supper (See opposite)*  
*Sparsholt* – **6pm** - Holy Communion

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Good Friday**

*Littleton* – **12 noon** – Good Friday Meditation  
*Chilbolton* (with Wherwell) – **3pm** – Good Friday Meditation

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday**

*Chilbolton* – **10am** – Easter Family Communion  
*Crawley* – **10am** – Easter Family Service  
*Littleton* – **10am** – Easter Family Communion  
*Sparsholt* – **10am** – Easter Family Communion  
*Wherwell* – **10am** – Easter Family Communion

### **The Stations of the Resurrection**

**9.30am Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Crawley Church Room**

Easter celebrations continue as we remember Jesus' resurrection appearances to his followers. An hour of reflection and thanksgiving - tea and coffee provided.

### **St Catherine's Electoral Roll**

St Catherine's Annual Parish Church Meeting takes place on Sunday, 26th April at 11.15am in the Littleton Church Room.

On that occasion I have to make a report about the Electoral Roll and any changes that have occurred since the last APCM. I would be grateful if I could be notified before Sunday 12th April of any such changes since the revision of March 2025.

A copy of the current Roll will be available for inspection at the back of the church during services over the next three weeks.

*Bryan Harris - Electoral Roll Officer.*  
[bryanharris@cantab.net](mailto:bryanharris@cantab.net)

### **Sparsholt C of E Primary School**

#### **Help Needed!**

#### **For our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations!**

We are hoping to create a timeline of Sparsholt over the last 150 years and need your help. Do you, or anyone you know, have: memorabilia, memories to share or historical artefacts?

If you are able to help, please do get in touch:

[adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk) or ring [01962 776264](tel:01962776264)

### **Our Churches' Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs)**

All church members are invited to attend their APCM to hear reports of the year completed, to elect church wardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod representatives and to discuss issues of importance to our church families.

Date	Day	Time	Parish	Venue
14 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday	7pm	Chilbolton	Church
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday	6pm	Crawley	Church Room
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Sunday	11.15am	Littleton	Church Room
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday	7.30pm	Wherwell	Church
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Saturday	12 noon	Sparsholt	'Wheatlands'

### **All Welcome to Our Chrism Eucharist Service**

*2 April, 11am, Winchester Cathedral*

All in ministry are warmly welcomed to our annual Chrism Eucharist at Winchester Cathedral on Maundy Thursday, an opportunity to offer ourselves afresh to the service of God. The service will be followed by a light lunch.

Please send all items for Across the Downs to Carol Ward: email [carol.ward@daleclose.co.uk](mailto:carol.ward@daleclose.co.uk), or telephone 01962 883185, by 12.00 noon Thursday at the latest. **If you would like to receive future editions of the newsletter by email, please contact me on the above address.** Thank you.